



Council Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Mrs. Natasha Colebrook-Williams, Chief of Staff *NCW*

Date: February 24, 2015

Re: State of Florida Office of the Attorney General Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)
2015-2016

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and City Council approve the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to submit an application, and negotiate and execute an agreement between the city of North Miami and the State of Florida Department Office of the Attorney General for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant.

BACKGROUND

The City is requesting a grant in the amount of \$73,844 with matching funds in the amount of \$19,670 from general funds and \$8,840 of in-kind match. The city of North Miami has been a recipient of the VOCA grant for fifteen years consecutively. The grant is utilized to fund the North Miami Police Department Crisis Intervention Specialist position, as well as computer hardware. The Crisis Intervention Specialist provides crisis intervention for victims of violent crimes with a concentration on domestic violence. The grant cycle for the 2015-2016 VOCA grant is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA) GRANT APPLICATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE STATE OF FLORIDA'S OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami funds the North Miami Police Department's Crisis Intervention Specialist position, as well as computer hardware ensuring the timely and efficient completion of all reporting and referrals; and

WHEREAS, the Crisis Intervention Specialist provides crisis intervention for victims of violent crime with concentration on domestic violence with funding from the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami is requesting a grant in the amount of Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Four Dollars (\$73,844.00) from the State of the Florida Office of the Attorney General – U.S Department of Justice for the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), with a match in the amount of Nineteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$19,670.00) from the general fund and Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$8,840.00) of in-kind for a total project budget of One Hundred Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$102,354.00); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council is authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to submit an application, negotiate and execute an agreement between the City and the State of the Florida Office of the Attorney General – U.S Department of Justice for the Victims of Crime Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Submittal of Application. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the submittal of the City of North Miami's application for a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant from the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General.

Section 2. **Authority to City Manager and City Attorney.** If granted, the City Manager and City Attorney are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami, Florida and the State of Florida's Office of the Attorney General for a Victims of Crime Act grant.

Section 3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of February, 2015.

DR. SMITH JOSEPH
MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Mayor Smith Joseph, DO
Vice Mayor Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilperson Scott Galvin
Councilperson Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril

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